

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING ANNA MANLEY ON THE COMPLETION OF HER INTERNSHIP

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 30, 2005

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Anna Manley for her service during her internship this summer. During her time on Capitol Hill, she has been a great help to me, my staff and my constituents in Tennessee's Sixth Congressional District.

Anna and I have many things in common. We are both natives of Murfreesboro. She is attending my alma mater, Middle Tennessee State University. And we are avid runners, although I prefer speeding through a 5K to enduring a marathon.

But Anna must return to Middle Tennessee to begin her junior year at MTSU, where she is majoring in pre-law. She also is an active member of the Student Government Association.

Anna has experienced the many facets of Congress first-hand. She has been very helpful in answering constituent concerns, assisting me and my staff with countless projects and winning over constituents as she guides them through the U.S. Capitol.

I hope Anna has enjoyed this learning experience as much as we have enjoyed having her help in the office. I wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 30, 2005

Mr. HIGGINS. Mr. Speaker, on Monday, June 27, 2005 and Tuesday, June 28, 2005, unavoidable business in my District kept me from casting votes on rollcall Nos. 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, and 328.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall Nos. 322, 323, 324, and "no" on rollcall Nos. 325, 326, 327, and 328.

HONORING GRACE SIERS

HON. STEPHANIE HERSETH

OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 30, 2005

Ms. HERSETH. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to honor the extraordinary commitment and hard work of Grace Siers, a charter member of Marshall Post No. 3507 Ladies Auxiliary, Veterans of Foreign Wars, in Britton, SD.

Grace joined the Ladies Auxiliary under the sponsorship of her husband, William Siers, who served during World War I, and three

brothers, Vance, John and Clarence Hunscher, who served during World War II. Grace's five sons, Le Roy, Donald, Virgil, Gary and Robert, also proudly served the United States in the military.

Over the years Grace has been involved in everything from collecting and sending care packages of toys and toothbrushes to be given to children in Iraq, writing to troops, raising funds by selling poppies and poppy decorations, compiling a recipe book honoring past and present military members and working at the Thanksgiving Turkey Night sponsored by the Post. She has also been committed to the Ladies Auxiliary's efforts to fundraise for important organizations like Fargo VA Hospital, Redfield State Hospital, Children's Care Center of Sioux Falls, VFW National Home, American Lung Association, American Heart Association, Britton Food Pantry, Cancer Relay for Life, Special Olympics, and Operation Uplink. Other efforts include collecting cans for the Shriners, pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House, labels and box tops for local schools.

Grace Siers' commitment to the Ladies Auxiliary and to her community is something to be admired by all citizens. The lives of countless people were enormously enhanced by Grace's compassion and service. She is an example to all of us, a woman devoted to her family, her community, her State and her Nation. It is my hope that we all may contribute as much to those' around us as Grace has. Her contributions will never be forgotten.

INTRODUCTION OF A RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF ROSA PARKS' REFUSAL TO GIVE UP HER SEAT ON THE BUS

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 30, 2005

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to introduce a resolution commemorating Rosa Parks and her decision to stand up to injustice 50 years ago. On December 1, 1955, Ms. Parks refused to obey a bus driver's order that she give up her bus seat in the black section to a white man because the white section was full. It is the courage, dignity, and determination that Ms. Parks exemplified on this day that allows most historians to credit her with beginning the modern day civil rights movement. Ms. Parks' actions on December 1, 1955 led to the desegregation of American society and enabled all of this Nation's citizens to realize freedom and equality.

The arrest of Ms. Parks led African Americans and sympathizers of other races to boycott the Montgomery city bus line until the buses in Montgomery were desegregated. The 381-day Montgomery Bus Boycott encouraged other courageous people across the United States to organize in protest and demand equal rights for all. The fearless acts of civil

disobedience displayed by Rosa Parks and others resulted in the United States Supreme Court, on November 13, 1956, affirming a district court decision that held that Montgomery segregation codes deny and deprive African Americans of the equal protection of the laws. This decision would lead to other landmark Supreme Court decisions in which the Court would rule in the interest of justice and equality.

In the years following the Montgomery Bus Boycott, Ms. Parks moved to Detroit, MI, in 1957 and continued her civil rights work by working in my District Office. Ms. Parks was with the office from 1965 until 1988. In the more than 20 years that Ms. Parks was in the office, she worked with a tireless spirit for the people of Detroit and other Americans. In 1987, she started the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development in Detroit, a nonprofit organization which motivates youth to reach their highest potential. So it is with great pleasure and honor that I stand today to recognize not only a civil rights pioneer, but a member of my staff, a constituent, and a friend.

It is in this recognition of the 50th Anniversary of Ms. Park's refusal to give up her seat on the bus, that I ask the Congress and the great people of this nation to work with the same courage, dignity, and determination exemplified by her to address modern day inequalities and injustice. The American dream is out of reach for millions. The United States is one of the richest nations in the world, so I ask: Why aren't our schools thriving? Why are so many African Americans unemployed? Why are health care, housing, and college education so difficult to afford?

Civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks displayed a defiant act of courage 50 years ago so that these questions would not be raised today. I know that this Congress and the people of this nation can work to further the ideals of Ms. Parks and the Civil Rights Movement.

HONORING SETH BEATY ON THE COMPLETION OF HIS INTERNSHIP

HON. BART GORDON

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 30, 2005

Mr. GORDON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the many contributions Seth Beaty has made while interning in my Washington, DC, office. Seth, a native of Gallatin, Tennessee, has been a wonderful addition to the office and a great servant to the constituents of Tennessee's Sixth Congressional District.

But Seth must return to the University of Memphis, where he is preparing for his second year of law school. He is a member of the Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity and a 2004 graduate of Belmont University.

During his internship, Seth has shown a genuine interest in public affairs. He has attended briefings, addressed constituent concerns and served as a friendly and informative

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